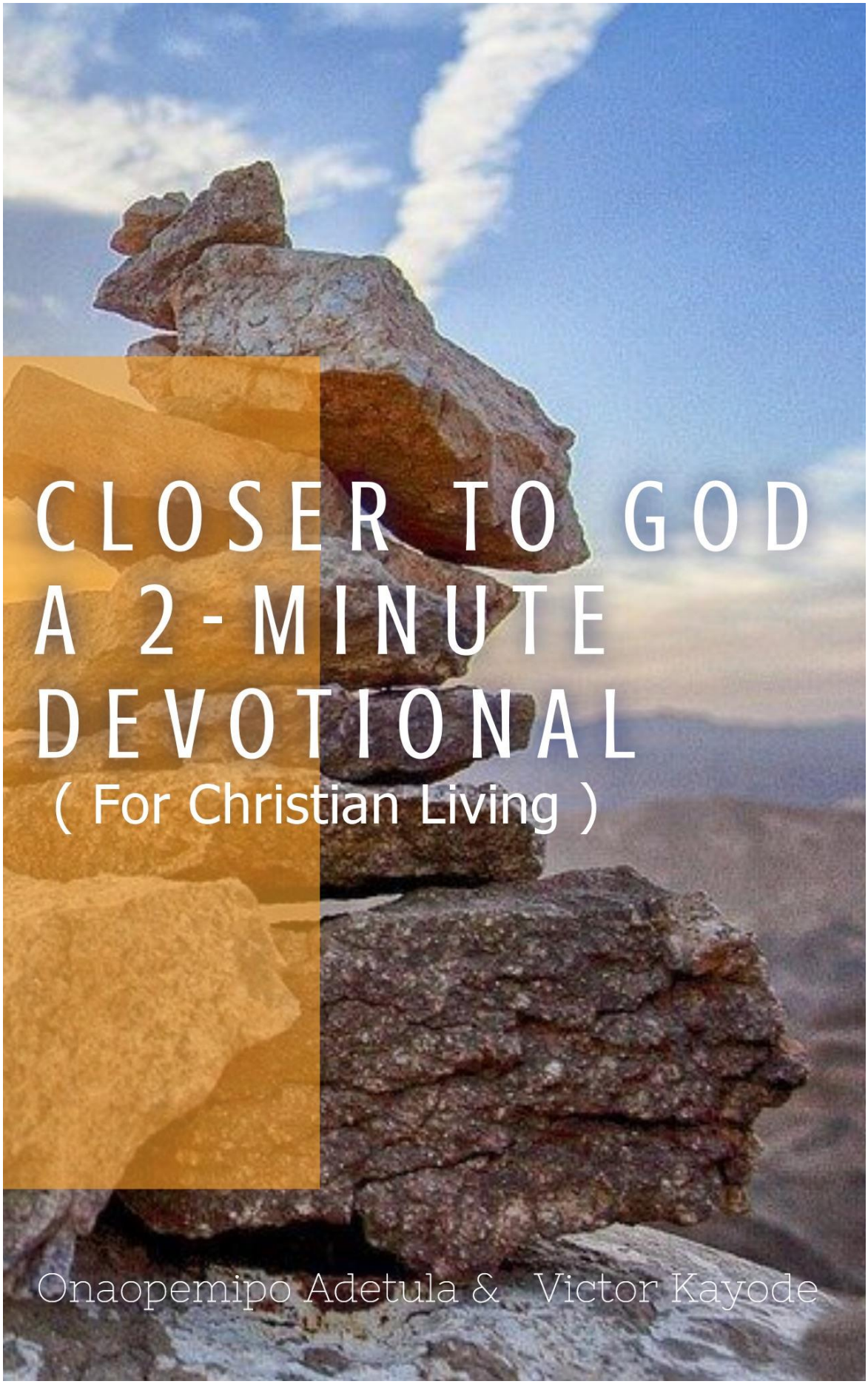

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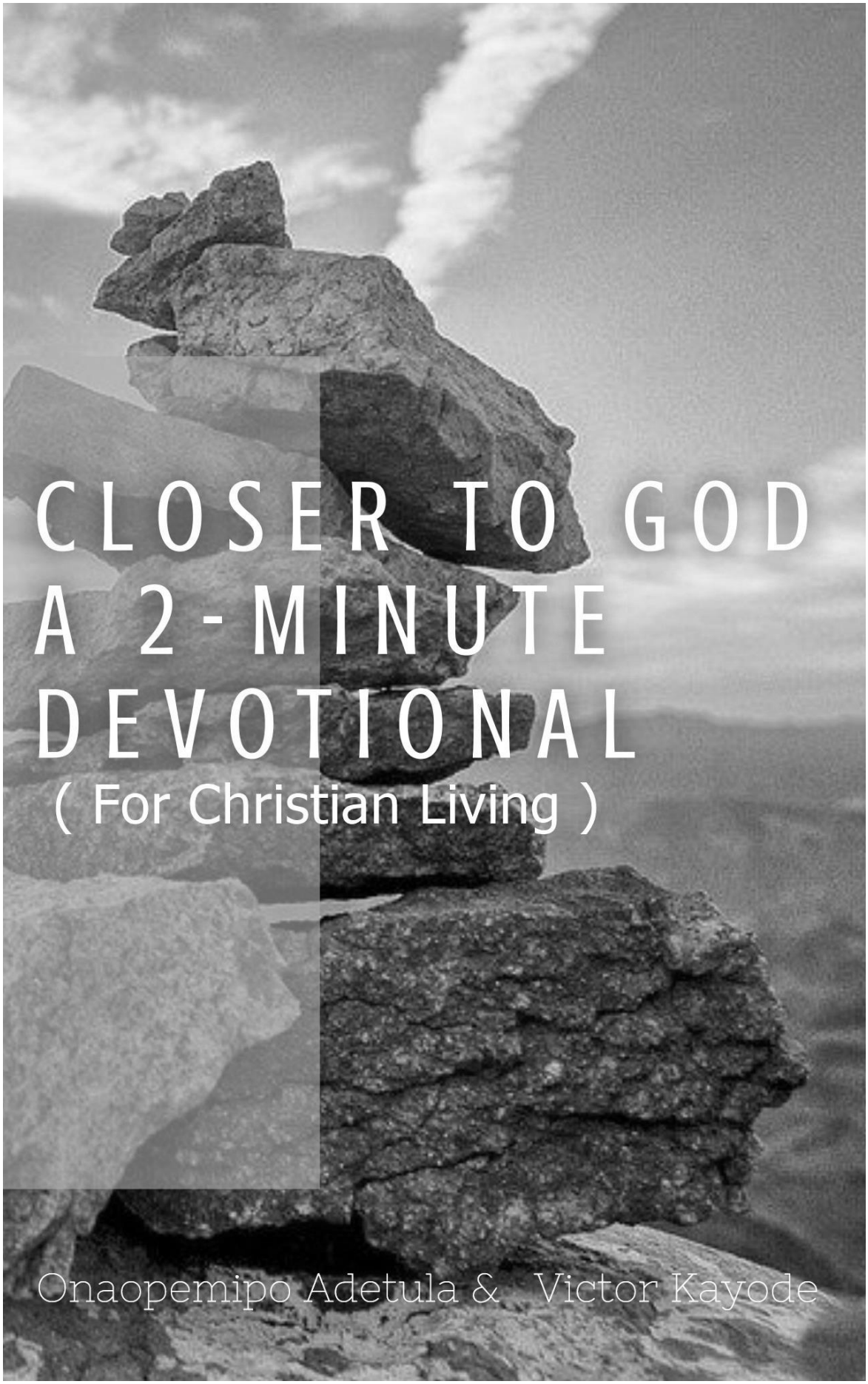

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For this devotional to make the required impact in your life, you must accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour. (Romans 10:9-10)

You must believe that Jesus came to the world, died for the sins of mankind (yours included) and confess him as lord.

The Bible says, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved," (Romans 10:9).

Pray this prayer from your heart today!

"Dear Jesus, I believe that You died for me and rose again on the third day. I confess I am a sinner...I need Your love and forgiveness...Come into my heart. Forgive my sins. I receive Your eternal life. Confirm Your love by giving me peace, joy and supernatural love for others. Amen."

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DAY 1

'PRAYER' - A NECESSITY

Bible verses: 2 Thessalonians 5 vs 17

2 Thessalonians 5 vs 17 (KJV) *"Pray without ceasing."*

Looking at biblical characters, such as Abraham, Daniel, Elijah, Paul, Esther, Rebekah, Isaac. We see a thing common to all of them, they prayed. Jesus remarked that men ought always to pray and not faint. A lot of people make statements such as: "I wish I had", "I wish I am this or that." Prayer is not just wishful thinking, or wishful speaking or crying. Prayer is communication with God. As Christians we are not restricted in prayer to a particular time, place, or position. Prayer is not a once and for all thing, it's once and again until it becomes a lifestyle.

God does not want us as Christians to be isolated from him. He wants us to communicate with him on a regular basis. Prayer is putting God's power to work. It is trust in God. Prayer is to be said for our lives, nation, leaders, unsaved, saved, Church, church leaders. Jesus Christ said men ought always to pray and not faint (Luke 18:1)

Prayer is a great privilege assigned to Christians.

Prayer- Father, thank you for the power in Prayer, open my understanding to understand the power and principles in Prayer, In Jesus Name, Amen.

Action Point- Anytime you do not feel like praying, listen to sermons online or offline on prayer/importance of prayers.

DAY 2

PRAY IN THE SPIRIT.

Bible verse: Jude 1:20.

Jude 1:20 (KJV) "*But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost*"

The spirit making intercessions, I will pray in the spirit and pray in my understanding

Praying in the Spirit is a privilege given to us believers. It is sometimes called praying in unknown tongues. Praying in the Spirit is the best mode of prayer because the Holy Ghost prays through you with accuracy

The Holy Spirit knows the deep things of God and we can access by praying in tongues. There are times we might not understand what is going on, it is good to pray in tongues. As the spirit will give utterance, if you cannot pray in tongues, desire the infilling of the HOLY SPIRIT and keep praying in tongues

Prayer- Ask for the infilling of the spirit, Pray continuously in tongues.

Suggested Reading

- Good Morning Holy Spirit by Benny Hinn
- The Holy Spirit Handbook by Mike Murdock

DAY 3

DIVINE GUIDANCE

Bible Verses: Acts 8:29, John 10:14, Romans 8:14.

Acts 8:29 (KJV) *"Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot."*

Divine guidance means to be directed and led by the Holy Spirit. As a born-again Christian, you have the spirit of God residing in you.

Romans 8:14 says "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God." Just as a Shepherd directs his sheep, the Holy Spirit is ever ready to direct us, for us to be continually led by the Holy Spirit we must be Sensitive to his leadings and be fully committed to obeying Him. In Acts 8:29, the Holy Spirit told Philip to "go and stay near the chariot." Philip's obedience led to the baptism of the Ethiopian soldier. Sometimes, the leading of the Holy Spirit may not make sense to our human knowledge or experience but it will take us to the centre of God's will for our lives. We therefore need to be fully discerning and follow the lead of the Holy Spirit.

Prayers

- I ask for a discerning Spirit to be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit.
- Lord, your word says in Psalms 32:8 that you will instruct me and teach me in the way I should go. I ask for your leading throughout this week in Jesus name.
  Thank God for prayers answered.

DAY 4

FORGIVENESS IS THE FATHER'S WILL

Matthew 6:15, Matthew 18 vs 21-22

"But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses"

As a born-again Christian, God is your heavenly father.

Jesus Christ commanded we should forgive freely. He said <u>if you are to drop your offering and remember your brother is at ought with you, go and settle.</u>

In Matthew 18 v 21- 22 Peter asked Jesus how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times? Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy times seven times"

When you pray, you may recall what someone did to hurt you, choose to forgive the person sincerely from your heart before you continue in prayer. Forgiveness gives you peace of mind, it takes away a heavy burden from your heart and allows your prayers to be answered. Satan sometimes stir up people to make you angry and bitter. Choose to forgive with the help of the Holy Spirit because the natural self will always want to revenge.

Note: A face or an occurrence might playback in your mind, as you pray.

Prayer Point

Dear Father, I ask for grace to forgive whoever offended me and will offend me.

- Declare I forgive _____ (mention the person's name) from the depth of my heart. I do not hold any grudge or bitterness against you in Jesus Name

DAY 5

YOUR EYES ARE LIMITED

Bible Verses: Hebrews 11:1

Heb 11:1, "*Now Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen*"

A popular adage in the world goes "seeing is believing" but in this Kingdom, believing is seeing, that means you are moved by what you believe not what you see.

Faith is taking God's promises as true and working in the light even if your eyes see darkness. God says, "I will supply all your needs" Accept it by faith. Be a doer of the word of God. If you wait for you to see before believing, you will miss on a lot of goodies in the kingdom. Abraham had faith in God even when the opposite was visible to his eyes, He received Isaac by faith. Reading Hebrews 11 you will also see others who walked in faith. For you to receive from God you need faith.

Prayer point

Lord give me deep understanding of the liberty of Faith.

DAY 6

GROW IN FAITH

Bible Verses: Matthew 8:10, Matthew 15:28

Matthew 8:10 (KJV)

"*When Jesus heard it, he marveled, and said to them that followed, verily O say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel."*

To everyone is given a measure of faith. Faith comes in a measure but growing your faith is a deliberate practice. Jesus Christ spoke of little faith, great faith, no faith. You must constantly stand with God's word as many storms may come to test your faith. The word is precursor for faith growth, the more you know about God from His word the stronger your faith. To everyone is given a measure of faith but for you to grow your faith is your personal responsibility. Jesus talked of great faith, little faith; how well do you want to grow in Faith? It is not all up to God but it's a conscious decision.

Prayer Point

Father, I believe in you. I Ask for the grace to grow my faith.

Suggested reading *Exceedingly Growing Faith by Kenneth E. Hagin*

DAY 7

FAITH FOR HEALING

Bible Verse- Isaiah 53:5

Isaiah 53:5 (KJV)

"*But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*"

"He" in our bible verse is speaking of Jesus. If only you believe, everything is possible to him that believes. Himself took our infirmities, the chastisement of our peace is upon him and by his stripes we are healed. Reading through the Bible you will see, Jesus performed a lot of healings.

People seem to have no problem believing the Doctor's report but find it difficult in believing the report from the word of God. Diseases and sicknesses are everywhere but there is solution and promise for divine healing in the word. I wish above all things that you should prosper and be in good health (3 John 1:2). Allow the word to have place in your heart, claim divine healing. Jeremiah 29:11 says "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper and not to harm you"

Some people believe since they are sick it is therefore God's will, NO It is not (Read the above bible verses again) If only you can believe and stand by the word.

Prayer-

Father, your word says it is your will for me to prosper. (Mention the name of the sickness) I cast you out of my life. For it is written himself took away my infirmity I claim divine health in Christ.

In Jesus. Amen. (Pray until you are satisfied)

Suggested Reading:

- The Healing Balm by David Oyedepo

DAY 8

FAITH FOR PROSPERITY

Bible Verses Galatians 3:29, 3 John 1:2

Galatians 3:29 (KJV)

"And if ye be Christ's then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

We are heirs of promise through Christ Jesus

Prosperity goes beyond just money it involves body, spirit, and soul (mind). A financially rich man without Jesus Christ is great pauper. Mark 8:36 says "*For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, but lose his soul?"* We have prosperity through Jesus Christ and his principles.

An unstable/ restless/ depressed mind is not the will of God. Neither does poverty make you more Christian or closer to God. You need your mind to be renewed.

Prayer Point.

Lord I ask that my mind be renewed and conformed to the image of Christ, I am who the word of God says I am.

Suggested Reading

- God's will is Prosperity by Gloria Copeland
- Laws pf prosperity by Kenneth Copeland

DAY 9

THANKSGIVING

I Thessalonians 5:18 (KJV)

"*In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you,*"

In everything give thanks.

Thanksgiving should become a daily habit for us as believers. Why should you give thanks? It is the will of God for you. You should thank God for salvation, for life, for food, health, for healing, for answered prayers, for provision, for His Grace. Thanking God is recognizing it is He (God) that has been keeping us and not we ourselves a God has helped you through. A man of God said what you thank God for will multiply in your life.

TASK- Write out a Thankful list and thank God for it every day.

Prayer Point

Father, forgive me for being unthankful. As from today I increase in thanksgiving to you.

DAY 10

GRUMBLING

Bible Verse- I Cor 10:10a(NIV):

”And do not grumble…”

If you have a kid that grumbles, you feel annoyed at such behaviour. Our father in Heaven hates grumbling. There are times where occurrences may not seem like what we expected it to be. For instance. You plan to go out and it starts to rain, do not grumble, instead pray, and give thanks. Concerning any challenge that might come, give thanks. Grumbling against God is belittling His power, in our bible reading, the Israelites on their way to the promised land faced unexpected challenges instead of praying, they grumbled severally. Even if your tax had been increased, thank God. If your boss is nagging, thank God you have a job and ask him for a better one. If the weather is not as expected, thank God for life and for tomorrow. Grumbling is a pathway of backwardness. Be a person of gratitude than grumbling. Grumbling is contagious.

Never Grumble.

Prayer:

Holy Spirit help me as I decide not to grumble but instead pray and give thanks in Jesus Name.

DAY 11

SAVE A SOUL

1 Timothy 2:2-4. Romans 10:9,

1 Timothy 2:2-4 (KJV)

"*For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth"*

John 3: 16 declares "For God so loved the world he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." What God wants is for more people to come to his kingdom, the free gift of salvation in Jesus is made available to all. Once anyone can come to believe the Lord Jesus and confess him with this mouth.

Daily people are going to hell simply because they rejected this free gift. Reach out to your friend, neighbour and share the good news of the love of God. Speak as led and do not argue. You are not meant to win an argument but a soul to God, the message is not about you but totally about Jesus. You know some of your colleagues that are into sin. Bring them to God in prayer and take action.

Apart from winning souls and delivering them from hell, you are also getting your reward.

Note- As you read this devotional a few faces might have flashed to you,

Prayer Point

Father lead me to whom I will preach to today, let the person give me audience and give me the right words to say. In Jesus Name.

DAY 12

REST

Bible Verses Matthew 11:28

Mathew 11:28 “Come to Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest”

Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest, Jesus Christ promises rest for us. Rest can be described as peace of mind. Thoroughly daily hassles and struggles make from day to day.

You might have given your life to Christ and not experienced this rest yet because you have not yet learned of HIM. By following his commandments, you will get rest to your soul.

Prayer

Father grant me true rest not found in the world as I abide in your word. In Jesus Name.

DAY 13

KNOW WHO YOU ARE?

Bible Verse 1Peter 2:9

1 Peter 2:9

"*But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.*"

Some thoughts might flash through your mind calling you foolish, stupid, dull, worthless. But those are lies. You are what the word of God says you are. You have been translated from the kingdom of darkness into light. Accept the facts, know your true identity from the word. Just as the way you are not satisfied because you ate last week. Feed on the word daily. Discover who you are from the word and then believe it.

Similarly, you may be wondering what your purpose is on earth, prayerfully ask God to lead you.

Prayer.

- I am who God says I am, I come against Contrary voice of demotion, depression, low self-esteem targeted against my heart in Jesus Name. (2 Cor 10:5)

Suggested Reading: '

- Unleash your purpose by Myles Munroe
- In pursuit of purpose by Myles Munroe

DAY 14

KEEP YOUR HEART

Bible Verse: Proverbs 4:23

Proverbs 4:23

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."

When the bible speaks of the heart, the bible is talking of your mind which consist of your thoughts, wills, emotions. Truly before sin comes it is often processed in the heart similarly before a good thought is brought forth it is processed in the heart. There are sometimes images of sin and lusts might come forth in the mind. You must not allow any contrary thought into your heart. Come against every evil thought by the Blood of Jesus and bring such thought into subjection of the Name of Jesus.

Action Point

Quickly rebuke every ungodly thoughts that come to your heart as soon as possible.

DAY 15

CHRIST'S REPRESENTATIVES

Bible verse: 2 Corinthians 3:2

"You yourselves are our letter, inscribed on our hearts, known and read by everyone."

Many unbelievers do not read the bible, they observe those that go to church and call them Christians and see if their life is worthy of emulation, you might not know but sinners are watching you reading you like epistles. Always within all means try to emulate Christ. You might be offended outside but what will you do? If you have Christ consciousness all the time, where you go to, the jokes you say, what you do will glorify God. Your life is the bible others read, represent Christ in all you do. Let your life represent the God you honour.

Prayer Point

Father help my life to always glorify you always In Jesus Name.

DAY 16

PAY YOUR DEBT

Romans 13:8a, Proverbs 22:7

"*Owe no man anything, but to love one another*"

Borrowing without paying back, is wickedness as Christians we are urged to work and even not borrow. In the book of Proverbs 22:7, it says the borrower is slave to the lender.

Even if you currently owe, put in every effort to pay on time. Do not wish for the death of the lender.

Similarly, if you make a promise, make it good by delivering on the promise.

Prayer

I receive the power to pay all my debt and live a debt free life as from today in Jesus Name.

DAY 17

PRAY FOR THE GOVERNMENT

1 Timothy 2:1-2, 1 peter 2:17

1 Timothy 2:1-2 (KJV)

"*I exhort therefore that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all them that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.*"

A lot of individuals have grievances against their government, blaming the government for poor economy, security, health, welfare and the unrest. These opinions might not be untrue. However, the word of God says Pray for your leaders that ye may have peaceable life. Clear your heart of all grievances and pray.

Don't only complain about the government but also take the burden in prayer. God still answer prayers.

Also, as much as possible, participate in governance through voting, running for positions.

Prayer Point

Pray for the policy makers within your state/ region/ nation that they make policies that favour the body of Christ (the Church) and also make the right decision always.

DAY 18

ABUNDAT LIFE

John 10:10, Genesis 1:26

John 10:10

"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, to kill, and to destroy; I am come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

In Genesis 1:26 we see the plan of God was for man to have dominion over the earth. Satan took the dominion from man but it was restored by Jesus Christ.

Jesus offers Joy, peace, long life, prosperity. To access abundant life you must first submit to Jesus and be born again.

All you must do is to key into it. If you have an area of life, you consider lacking, ask for direction and study what God says there.

Prayer

Open my understanding in every area I am lacking, so I will enjoy abundant life in Jesus Name.

DAY 19

DEATH IS NOT THE END

Hebrews 9:27, John 14:3

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement. "

A very popular statement said to the dead is "rest in peace." It is appointed for men to die once after this judgement, every human being on earth has the power of choice. Once the time on earth is over it leads to either eternal life or eternal condemnation. Your eternity is secured in heaven when you are a child of God. Your confession would be similar to Paul the Apostle who in Philippians 1:21 proclaimed: for to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

PRAYER POINT

I receive the grace to use the time I have on earth wisely in Jesus Name.

DAY 20

WHY WORRY

Bible Verses Matthew 6:25-26, Matthew 6:33-34, Philippians 4:6

Matthew 6:25-26

"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air': they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"

Jesus says not to worry.

To worry is like living in a rocking boat that leads nowhere. In the world today, there is uncertainty everywhere and numerous reasons to be worried; Pandemics, natural disasters, economic downturn, unemployment. But Jesus says do not worry, we should rather trust in Him for everything by faith.

Worry takes the place of thanks and causes other problems. Instead of worry trust God and make your requests in Prayer.

Prayer

List out your sources of concern what bothers you and pray about them.

DAY 21

FORSAKE NOT

Bible Verse: Hebrews 10:25

Hebrews 10:25

"*Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some..""*

Many believers do not gather with a local church or brethren, some claim their church is in the heart, others say they can conduct services on their own. But there are more benefits of being in a gathering. The Bible says one shall chase a thousand but two will put ten thousand to flight. Fellowshipping with the brethren births communion and supplies strength.

One of Satan's tricks is to create situations that separate the believers and scatter the unit that fosters the move of God. The easy way to overcome a soldier is to attack the soldier when he is separated or isolated from the army. Get refreshed amongst brethren in fellowship together. Remember iron sharpens iron, you can't get a level of sharpening alone. If you are reading and you do not have an assembly of believers you gather with, ask for God's leading.

Prayers

- Pray God opens the eyes of believers to importance of collective gathering.
- Pray against any form of disunity among the Church.

DAY 22

LET THE FIRE FALL

Bible Verses: Leviticus 6:13, Matthew 3:11

Leviticus 6:13

"The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar, it shall never go out."

A revived church is a great threat to Satan and the kingdom of darkness. Once revival falls on the church, the church becomes a wonder and not just a gathering or a social club as considered by some. A revived church wins souls for Christ, a revived church is marked for signs and wonders

Keep fanning to flame the fire of God upon your life through the word of God and prayers. The baptism of fire is the beginning of revival when the heart of men is continuously drawn to God

Prayer Point

Father, let your fire of revival fall in the churches round the world in Jesus Name.

DAY 23

PRAYERS FOR MINISTERS OF GOD

Bible verse 2 Thessalonians 3:1, I Chronicles 21:1

"*Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorifies, even as it is with you.*"

Ministers of God are men and women also. Satan tries to make them fall to cause many people from believing in Jesus as they find fault; and also cause backsliding multitude. The Israelites never prayed for Moses, he stood for them, fasted, prayed.

Ministers of God are humans also and can also undergo discouragement, discomfort, Elijah was discouraged at some point and asked for death. (1 Kings 19:1-14)

One of the best ways to show love to our ministers is to pray for them because they are greatly persecuted and face a lot of things. Stop gossiping about them but start praying and interceding for them and their families

Prayer Point

Father uphold all your ministers and encourage them as they go about in your work in Jesus Name.

DAY 24

MINISTER TO GOD'S SERVANTS

Bible verse: Philippians 4:11, Philippians 4:19

Philippians 4: 11 (AMP)

"*I was made very happy in the Lord that now you have revived your interest in my welfare after so long a time, you indeed were thinking of me, but you had no opportunity to show it*"

Ministers of God too have personal needs. At times the need might be a thank you note, food, birthday gift, money, clothes, vehicles. As you are led, minister to their needs and God will bless you. It takes discernment to identify a true servant of God and it is always wise to be a blessing to them by meeting their needs as God leads you.

Prayer - Father show me where you want me to meet the need of servant of yours, in Jesus Name.

DAY 25

WORK

Bible Verses: 1 Peter 4:15, 2 Thessalonians 3:11-12

1 Peter 4:15

"*But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.*"

Truly you must have a work that God will bless. The Bible says he that does not work should not eat. A saying goes an idle man is the devil's workshop. Find something doing, do not sit idle, Work. However, ensure the work you are doing is such that will give glory to God. You cannot be a Christian and claim prostitution or stealing is your work. Be occupied with the responsibilities of making your vision a reality. Hard work is required for success.

In Case you are believing God for a job, pray that God shows you what to do.

Prayer

Father bless the work of my hands in Jesus Name.

DAY 26

EXCELLENT JOB

Bible Verse: Colossians 3:23-24

"*And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.*"

Not unto men but unto God. Your job should not be mediocre as a Christian. Ensure you do an exemplary job always. As a student, your job is your studies. Study hard and well, doing all assignments. As a cleaner, clean so well that even angels will acknowledge your cleaning. Whatever job you are doing do it to the Glory of God. Put in all effort and do not be lackadaisical on the job. Do not go to job late, even if you own the business. Ensure your work hours are for work not for sleeping. talking, eating, or playing.

Action Point: Do your Job efficiently and diligently, so much it will be difficult to find a replacement for you.

DAY 27

RELATE WITH OTHERS

Bible Verses: Matthew 5:47, 2 Corinthians 6:14, Romans 12:18

Matthew 5:47

"And if you greet only your brethren, what more than others are you doing? Do not even the Gentiles (the heathen) do that?"

2 Corinthians 5:14 says do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. The same word says be at peace with all men. Greet people, don't isolate yourself from others just because they are a different race, or have lower education compared with you. Keep it in your mind that relationship is important. However, if you notice this relationship is getting critical, affecting your relationship with Jesus, or affecting you negatively, quit the relationship. Affect the lives of others around you, make impact and a difference. Relating with people is also a platform to win souls.

DAY 28

HONOUR

Bible verses: Ephesians 6:2-3

Ephesians 6:2-3

"*Honour thy father and mother, (which is the first commandment with promise;) That it may be well with thee and you mayest live long on earth."*

To Honour means to respect, to pay homage to someone or something. Honour your parents in the Lord for this is right, Honour goes beyond physical greetings, it is a heart issue, Honour the Lord with your substance. Give to your parents, take care of them. Obey them if what they tell you to do is in line with the word. Honour elders and those above you, if you see an elderly person standing and you a sitting, stand up for such person.

That's God's will, to honour God, and others around you.

Prayer POINT

Lord in any way I am lacking in Honour, Show me. I receive Grace to honour your Lord and respect men

Further Reading: *Law of Recognition by Mike Murdock.*

DAY 29

AVOID BACKBITING.

Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 12:20,

2 Corinthians 12:20

"For I fear, lest when I come……. Lest there be debates, envying, wraths, strifes, backbiting, whisperings, swelling, tumults"

Backbiting is biting someone at their backs while they are not there. Gossips are often sweet to the ear if you are not at the receiving end. Backbiting is a trigger for quarrel, and it is also called badmouthing. if someone tells you something bad about a person. Suggest you pray for the person and try to discontinue the discussion. Avoid discussions that bring down people.

Instead of gossiping, if you or the person telling you cannot correct the person face to face, pray for the person. Look that this simple analogical conversation.

MARK: Did you know Susan has been prosecuted severally, for armed robbery. She stole at the supermarket

Peter: Oh, No

Mark: She had spent time in prison

Peter: Let us Pray for Susan

Prayer- Father circumcise my lips in Jesus Name.

Suggested Reading: Love Never Fails by Kenneth E. Hagin

DAY 30

WORK ON YOUR THOUGHTS.

Bible Verse: Philippians 4:8, Matthew 12:34

Philippians 4:8

"*Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*"

Diverse thoughts pass through the mind, but you must pass them through several sieves to determine the validity of such thought. Is this true, is it pure, is it honest, is it lovely, does it possess virtue, is it of good report, does it have praise.

Any thought not fitting these is a bad thought. Our God has good thoughts. For the thoughts I think towards you are thoughts of peace and not of evil… Our thoughts must always be good.

Remember that the way you think is the way you live, a good thought produce a great life. Think right and godly it will reflect in your life.

Prayer

I decree that I have good thoughts. I sieve out evil thoughts.

Action Point: Madidate on Philippians 4:8

DAY 31

WORK ON YOUR THOUGHTS PART 2

BAD THOUGHTS

2 Cor 10:5, Ephesians 6:12

"*Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ*"

Ephesians 6:12 explains that we do wrestle against flesh and blood but against principalities, powers, spiritual wickedness.

Many times, there are darts of evil thoughts at the heart, it comes so fast and can expand to become so great. For instance, you might be walking, see a man jogging and the thought comes to your mind, this man should slip and die. Don't laugh or smile at it rebuke the thoughts vehemently in the name of Jesus. It might come as a joke, or telling you, you are a sinner, reminding you of past sins. So, you must always have the word of God in you. When the devil tempted Jesus he resisted with the word, so must you likewise also. Learn to always kick out negative thoughts by the word of God and keep your mind disciplined.

DAY 32

BE AN AMBASSADOR.

Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:20

"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ"

An ambassador represents the interest of a nation in another. We are ambassadors of Christ.

You must represent the interest of Christ in every area you find yourself, at work, school, market, street, everywhere. Wherever jokes are said against servants of God or Christians do not laugh. Even if you cannot talk don't join them to condemn Your Kingdom. The kingdom of Christ. As it will be absurd for an ambassador to speak ill of his nation in a foreign nation. So also represent the policies of your Nation (Jesus Nation). Be an ambassador for Christ everywhere you go.

Prayer Point

Father, help me to be always for Christ in Jesus Name.

DAY 33

LOVE OTHERS

Bible Verse 1 John 4:20, Mark 12:31

1 John 4:20

"If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?"

Love is more of a decision than a feeling. Parable of the good Samaritan. God showed us love while we were, yet sinners Christ died for us. Similarly, we must love. Do unto others as you want them to do to you. Will you want to be hungry? Unvisited when sick? Uneducated? Do unto them. Pray for them and as led give. Give both Christ and material resources to the poor.

Matthew 22:37-39 Jesus said unto him, thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Prayer-I choose to love, even as commanded in the word of God in Jesus Name

Suggested reading: Love Never Fails by Kenneth E. Hagin

DAY 34

PEACE IN THE STORM

Bible Verses: Isaiah 43:2 (NIV), Matthew 8:23-27

Isaiah 43:2 (NIV)

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

In your Christian adventure, sometimes might seem stormy and fiery, unprecedented challenges might come, people you trust might disappoint, but look unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame.

Every time we see challenges, we should know the lord, cry out in prayer, have faith stand by his word

Prayer- In the Name of Jesus I stand firm no matter what challenge comes my way, I overcome.

DAY 35

LEARN OF ME

Bible Verse:

Matthew 11:29

"Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls"

The Bible verse above was Jesus speaking.

No matter what the problem you think you have, there is solution in Christ. He says learn of me. Be it financial, spiritual, health, psychological. You must find out the will of God, look for Christian publications and read on the subject matter as led by the Holy Spirit. Pray and ask God to show you the way and his will. Learn of Jesus and the way of the Lord. Sitting with the word of God and grow in the knowledge of God by the Holy Ghost.

Prayer

Open my eyes that I May see marvelous things from your word.

DAY 36

INVEST IN THE KINGDOM

Bible Verse: Matthew 6:19-21, Colossians 1:13

Matthew 6:19-21

"*Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and were thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also*"

Invest your time, resources, life for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God on earth. If What you have can't contribute to kingdom advancement, then it all a waste. You have been translated from the kingdom of darkness into light. So, although at the point of salvation, your facial appearance, skin color, did not change, the translation occurred. Put your resources as led by the spirit of God for the furtherance of Gospel, give your heart, life, time money, support missionaries, Christian publications, Christian tv stations, radio stations etc. as led by the Spirit of God.

Prayer: Father help me to continuously sacrifice my all for the kingdom.

DAY 37

PEACE AND JOY

Bible Verse: Philippians 4:4, John 14:27

Philippians 4:4

“Rejoice in the Lord always: and again, I say, Rejoice”

John 14:27

“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid”

The joy of the Lord is my strength. There is peace and Joy that comes only in Christ, Words cannot fully describe this peace and joy. But the Lord releases it. Perhaps you have noticed the peace and joy absents. It was Paul and Silas even when kept in prison, sang and praised God. Do not allow anything cloud the joy of the Lord. In the presence of God there is joy and peace. You can't access peace and joy until you are connected to Jesus.

Prayer point: Lord please let me enjoy your peace and joy for the rest of my life in Jesus Name.

DAY 38

NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE

Bible Verse: Luke 1:37

“For With God nothing will be impossible”

Some people believe God can give them peace but do not believe he can heal their sicknesses. Some believe God will raise them up but cannot provide solution to their bills. The level you restrain God to is the level you will see God work in your life. For without faith, it is impossible to please him

The possibilities of God will manifest in your life when you are with God. Everything will seem difficult if your don't know Jesus. See, think, believe and Walk in the light of the possibilities in God. Nothing is impossible with God.

Prayer: Father make everything impossible in my life possible to the glory of your name In Jesus Name.

Suggested Reading: *Exceedingly growing in Faith by Kenneth E Hagin*

DAY 39

GIVING

Bible Verses: Acts 20:35, John 3:16

Acts 20:35b

"… And to remember the word of the Lord Jesus, how he said, it is more blessed to give than to receive"

It is more blessed to give, than to receive. Giving is a sign of love. When we love, it becomes easy to give. The word says in John 3:16 that for God So loved the world that he gave his only begotten son.

Giving goes beyond money, food. It involves care, time. It is more blessed to give than to receive, use all opportunities you have to be a blessing. Giving is first a decision from your heart before it reflects in your actions.

Prayer- Father, you are our example of giving, help me Lord to be a giver like you in Jesus Name.

DAY 40

SING AND DANCE

Bible verses: Psalm 149:3, Psalm 100:4, 2 Chronicles 20:21

Psalm 100:4

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise"

Psalm 149:3

"Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with timbrel and harp"

Singing permeates cultures. Although there are diverse genres of song. The Singing here is rejoicing in the lord for His goodness. The Bible says is anyone happy let him sing psalms, Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and to his courts with praise. God wants us to rejoice in him. God made us and not we ourselves. There is victory in praising God. See Jehoshaphat and David that wrote many psalms. Jesus thanked for the food. Paul and Silas sang even while in prison.

God does not disapprove your praise because you can't sing like an opera singer. Let your singing, rejoicing, and dancing be to the Glory of God. You can play some gospel song, hymns and sing to them.

Prayer point: Father let my life always give you praises in Jesus name.

DAY 41

PRIDE

Bible verse: James 4:6

"But He giveth more grace. Therefore, He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

Pride is esteeming oneself and placing oneself at a position higher than others. Pride occurs in the heart but can also manifest physically. The word of God says God resists the pride. Pride destroys and brings low. The word of God says in 1 Corinthians 4:7 what is it you have that you did not receive? and why then do you boast as if it is your own efforts. Pride often leads to rebellion. Do not allow pride into your heart.

Prayer- Lord Reveal to me every area I have allowed pride, Spirit of pride will not have place in me in Jesus Name.

DAY 42

SPEAK TO THE SITUATION

Bible Verses: Job 22:28, Mark 11:22-23

Job 22:28

"Thou shalt also decree a thing and it shall be established unto thee and the light shall shine upon thy ways"

Mark 11:23

"For assuredly, I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith"

From the bible verses we see that whatsoever you decree shall be established. Every unpleasant situation you may face can be overcome by speaking to the challenge, you are not to murmur, complain or be bitter. Do not allow the circumstance to hold you down, arise decree and it shall be established. God decreed let there be light and there was light. With the spirit of God in us, we also can decree, and it will be established. Do not speak out what you do not want to see. Speak what you want. Do not say you have sickness; say sickness I rebuke you.

Prayer point: Father I rebuke everything that is not of God in my life in Jesus name.

DAY 43

DO NOT BE IGNORANT

Bible Verse: Hosea 4:6

"*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge..*"

Ignorance is a major cause of challenges. Just as the story of the man that refused to eat anything apart from crackers on a ship travel because he was ignorant, he had paid for feeding. So also, will ignorance about what God has done will cause challenges. 1 Timothy 2 vs 15 says study to show thyself approved.

Prayer point: Father help me pay the price to get knowledge in Jesus Name.

Action Point- Decide to be up to date about your career, course of study, field, and about spiritual life. Get knowledge and be upgraded. If you are not updated, you will soon be outdated.

DAY 44

BE AN EXAMPLE

Bible Verse: 1 Timothy 4:12

"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

A life that is not lived to please God will not be an example for others to follow. When men see you: does your lifestyle points them to Jesus?

Let your life be an example of Godliness in words and deeds. Don't misrepresent God by what you do and say. For you to be an example you must first become like Christ, become a reflection of the life of Christ and literally you become an example to many.

Let your life win souls for Jesus Christ not destroy souls by what you do.

Prayer Point: Father, please help to me live the life of grace in order to be a Godly example in Jesus name.

DAY 45

GOD'S PRESENCE

Bible Verse: Psalms 68:8

"The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel."

You can lose anything or anyone and still be fine after a while. But when you lose the presence of God, you have lost everything.

The presence of God is access to the wonders of God. You can't carry God and lack impact. There is joy, peace, and all-round possibilities when you carry God's presence.

Seek to always carry God's presence always in holiness. Spend time building your relationship with the Holy Spirit. Consciously commit yourself to hosting the presence everywhere. Carry His presence in the car, class, at the workplace, at home, on the street, in the market and so on. The presence of God cannot be denied, if you carry God, you host His presence, and all things will work for you.

When you also Carry His presence evangelism becomes very easy, and it compels the blessings of God. Value the presence of God more than the presence of things and people.

Point To Ponder: If you lose anything or anyone you have lost something but if you lose the presence of God, you have lost everything.

PRAYER FOR SALVATION

In case you have still not accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and savior, or maybe you are unsure about your position in Christ say this prayer.

"Dear Jesus, I believe that You died for me and rose again on the third day. I confess I am a sinner...I need Your love and forgiveness...Come into my heart. Forgive my sins. I receive Your eternal life. Confirm Your love by giving me peace, joy, and supernatural love for others. Help me to know you more and love you more. Amen."

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